

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1555		
Incident Date	5/31/2017	Opened Date	11/21/17
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	Social Media	Location	Mosul: Zanjili and Shifa
Nearest Major City	Nineveh	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 2-36, Injured: 2-20</p> <p>Source #1:</p> <p>May 31st 2017: (I562) والشفاء الزنجيلي Zanjili and Shifa neighborhoods, West Mosul, Nineveh province, Iraq</p> <p>Summary: Local sources reported that more than twenty civilians were killed or injured after air strikes and artillery shelling hit their homes in Zanjili and Shifa neighborhood, in West Mosul. So far all sources blame Joint Forces – a reference to both Iraqi and Coalition actions. A source had told Alaraby news that “the Iraqi forces tried to advance into the neighborhood of Shifa in West Mosul, but failed to do so.” He suggested the shelling with airstrikes and artillery was part of an attempt to force ISIL to leave the areas next to the sites where the Iraqi forces are presently in. The same local source said that the bombing had led to the collapse of the houses of these civilians – and left twenty killed or wounded. Omar Al Halbusi put the death toll even higher in a post on Facebook and said 36 civilians had died in Zanjili neighbourhood alone.</p> <p>Civilians reported killed: 2-36</p> <p>Civilians reported injured: 2-20</p> <p>Sources: Yaqin Agency [Arabic] [Archived], Iraqi Spring Media Center [Arabic] [Archived], Alaraby news [Arabic] [Archived], Omar Al Halbusi (Facebook) [Arabic] [Archived],</p> <p>Quality of reporting: Contested – all sources blame ‘Joint Forces’ – which includes both the Coalition and ISF</p>		

1. Is this allegation a self-report? **No**
If yes, add details of potentially corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.
2. Does the allegation actually allege CIVCAS? **Yes**
If yes, go to 3.a. If no, close the allegation.
- 3.a. Does the allegation state a single incident and/or location? **Yes**
If yes, move to 4. If no, move to 3.b.
- 3.b. Does the allegation contain specific information pairing each CIVCAS allegation with an independent location?

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If yes, separate the each of the combined allegations into separate allegations and restart an IA for each.

If no, send a RFI in an attempt to break out the locations and casualties into separate allegations, restart the IA.

If unable to RFI the alleged, go to 7.

4. Does the allegation contain:

a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **Yes**

b) a specific location? **No**

If yes to BOTH, go to 7. If EITHER are no, then go to 5.

5. Does the allegation contain:

a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **Yes**

b) a specific time of day or timeframe? **No**

c) a general location? **Yes**

If yes to ALL three, then go to 7. If ANY are no, go to 6.

6. Does the allegation contain:

a) Video or photo evidence of CIVCAS that can be used to narrow the date/time or location of the allegation?

If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.b.No

b) Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation?

If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.c. **Yes**

c) Any high quality sources?

If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.d.

d) Specific facts that warrant a search for strike.?

If yes, go to 7. If no, close the allegation.

7.a. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to conduct a search for strikes? **Yes**

If yes, go to 8. If no, go to 7.b.

7.b. Explain in detail why there is insufficient information on the time, location, and details to conduct a search for strikes.

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MAT: 0 Result; 0 Corroborating

CAOC log: 1 Result ; 0 Corroborating

CJTF log: 1 results; 0 Corroborating

IZ

CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017):

SY

TF(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? **No**

If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.

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If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.

~~1. Assessed date of incident:~~

~~2. Location:~~

~~3. Potentially Corroborating Strike Information:~~

~~MGRS:~~

~~Strike Number:~~

~~DTG:~~

~~Target:~~

~~Dynamic/Deliberate:~~

~~Aircraft:~~

~~Call Sign:~~

~~Nationality:~~

~~Munitions & Number dropped:~~

~~Target Number:~~

~~TEA:~~

~~BE #:~~

Non-US Coalition Involvement: None

Decision: Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation

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